

Allegan Township Board Meeting
February 1, 2021
7:30 PM

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Pledge and Invocation

- II. Roll Call
 - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Brande Gillies, Trustee Mike Bender, Trustee Jim Connell and Treasurer Jane Waanders were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of January 4, 2021 Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI) – Building Inspector
 - 1. There were seven permits pulled in January, with none for new homes.
 - 2. Fees totaled \$2,560.00
 - 3. There were a total of 80 permits in 2020, with a total value of \$7,545,658.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission
 - 1. There was no official business at their last meeting. A special meeting was held to hear from the school superintendant on an issue.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 1. The next meeting is February 8, 2021 at 7:30 PM. There is expected to be no official business.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 - 1. Not Present

- V. Public Comment
 - A. None.

- VI. Old Business
 - A. Public Hearing for Material Transfer to Establish Industrial Development District
 - 1. Scott Nyhof, President of Material Transfer, said that they had always outsourced their finishing, but it became no longer available through the company they had used. They decided to bring it in-house, and found the old Flashes building for sale. This building will be used for sand blasting and as a paint booth, solely for their own equipment.
 - 2. Connell asked if there is another lot between the buildings. It was stated that there is a parcel between Material Transfer and Dollar Tree, but the property between the two Material Transfer buildings is contiguous.

3. Waanders/Connell made motion to close public meeting, and approve resolution, which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Update on 25th and 123rd Reconstruction
1. Schulz shared that there is support for this project. Some letters have already been received from homeowners, as well as a letter from the Road Commission speaking of the cost already put into this project.
 2. Schulz sent out a letter to the homeowners, asking for their feedback.
 3. When done, this will be a ¾ million dollar project, including blacktop.
 4. The board was not ready to vote on this, because they wanted to give the homeowners time to respond to the letter from Schulz. A special meeting will be held to vote on this.
 5. Connell voiced that this project needs to happen so that the road is both well-maintained and safe.

VII. New Business

- A. Allegan County Legal Assistance Center Contract
1. Looking at statistics provided by ACLAC, a large amount of the patrons assisted are from Allegan Township.
 2. The ACLAC is funded by multiple municipalities in Allegan County, as well as the Community Foundation.
 3. Waanders asked how many other townships give, and what is their total budget. Connell stated he feels strongly that we should support the ACLAC. The contract requested is for \$2,500 for the period of 4/1/2021 – 3/31/2022.
 4. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve, which passed unanimously following roll call.
- B. Lakeshore Advantage Investor Membership
1. Greg King gave a report. Lakeshore Advantage represents Allegan and Ottawa Counties, since June 2018. Their job is to help employers grow, for all size of businesses.
 2. They are a non-profit that relies on funding. 2020 was a busy year despite COVID. They are a 12-person team working to help with Relief Programs and with employers in getting vaccines out and PPE. They are looking to a lot of expansion in the fall because businesses are growing.
 3. Connell asked what amount we agreed to last year, which was \$1,875. Schulz suggested increasing it to \$2,500, and Waanders suggested adding it to the new budget to be payed in April.
 4. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve which passed unanimously following roll call.
- C. Public Hearing for Material Transfer Tax Abatement
1. The second public hearing was set for March 1st, 2021 at 7:30 PM.
 2. Schulz/Waanders made motion to approve, which passed unanimously following roll call.
- D. City Invoices Pertaining to Safe Routes to School and Police Services

1. The invoice for Safe Routes to School had no detail. Schulz has asked for a breakdown of that invoice.
2. The city police respond to Allegan Township calls, which helps reduce response time. There are over 400 calls each year. The township agreed to pay \$10,000 each year, starting in 2018. It was paid in May 2019, although the city does not have a record of that. Schulz will send them the information verifying that payment was made. Payment was not made in 2020, and Schulz said that he will double check the minutes regarding the budget and payment.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$6,784.45 was presented for payment with Waanders/Connell making motion to approve, which passed unanimously following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:17 PM.